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Two Generations of Venezuelan Talent to Unite at AIFF

## Aruba International Film Festival welcomes contingent from Venezuela

Aside from showcasing a number of films from Venezuela, the Aruba International Film Festival (AIFF) announced today that it will host some of its neighboring country's most recognizable names in film and television. Maria Conchita Alonso, multiple Grammy Award Nominee, Hollywood movie star, and one of Venezuela's clas-

sic film and telenovela actresses, will attend the festival to promote her work in the documentary *Femme: Women Healing the World*. While in Aruba, Alonso will participate in a special "In Conversation With" interview session, where she will discuss her nearly forty-year career in the entertainment industry.

The second night of the AIFF, themed "Latin Night", will feature regional film premieres from countries such as Venezuela, Colombia, and Mexico. Joining Alonso in the festivities will be, among others, actresses Maria Alejandra Martin, Hilda Abrahamz, and Ivette Dominguez, and actor Albi de Abreu. Luis and Andrés Rodríguez, the filmmakers behind the Venezuelan hit *Breach in the Silence* (*Breach of Silence*) will attend along with members of the cast to conduct an audience Q&A after the screening of their film.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to unite two generations of film and television royalty in Aruba during the festival," shared AIFF Executive Director, Jonathan Vieira. "Having Maria Conchita Alonso and other established and emerging Venezuelan talent with us this year is further proof of the importance of our festival for the Latin-American market."



Maria Conchita Alonso



Maria Alejandra Martin



## Rescuers battle on as Indian monsoon toll nears 600



Indo-Tibetan border police use a rope to rescue stranded pilgrims cross a river swollen by flood waters at Govind Ghat in Northern Indian State of Uttarakhand India

DEHRADUN (AFP) - Rescuers recovered scores of bodies from the Ganges river in northern India Friday, as the death toll from flash floods and landslides neared 600, with thousands of mainly pilgrims and tourists still stranded or missing.

Dozens of helicopters and thousands of soldiers have been deployed to rescue more than 35,000 trapped people, the home ministry said, almost one week after floods and landslides from torrential monsoon rains struck the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand.

Raging rivers have swept away houses, buildings and entire villages, and destroyed bridges and narrow roads leading to pilgrimage towns in the mountainous state, which is known as the "Land of the Gods" for its revered Hindu shrines.

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## #1 Hospital in the US Johns Hopkins International interested in collaboration with Aruba



Min. of Health Dr. Visser with Hopkins Int' Irma Purish

Managing Director of Johns Hopkins International, Irma Purish was in Aruba this past week meeting with the Minister of Public Health Dr. Richard Visser. It is expected that these meetings will continue in the ensuing months to discuss a form of collaboration with this renowned medical institution.

Johns Hopkins is the only hospital named number one in the US for 21 years by US News and World Report. What Johns Hopkins International does is take the mission of Johns Hopkins to the world.

Purish explained that she introduced the Minister to the services of her institution, and how they are active around the world with different types of collaborations. They work with hospitals, systems of public health and with governments.

In a few cases Johns Hopkins International assists in the role of adviser and with

education. This may include improving the hospital care, making a hospital safer, assist with investigation or help establish a new specialization in a country.

According to the Minister of Public Health, Purish's visit came as a result of a request by Curacao Oncologist, Dr. Bob Pinedo, who is recognized around the world for his work and is collaborating with Aruba. Different projects were discussed with Irma Purish. Among the projects named were, IMSAN, PACO, Obesity and the renovation and expansion of the Horacio Oduber Hospital.

Johns Hopkins International is obviously interested in Aruba. In the upcoming months they will elaborate on the meeting and discuss concrete areas and projects where Aruba stand to benefit. Our doctors and specialists will also benefit from this prestigious institution.

## Aruba has passed the law of obligatory education

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### How many dispensation days can a child get?

All children under this law has the possibility for obtaining a maximum of 10 days of dispensation per school year. The petition must be submitted with proof in order to be eligible.

### When can we consider dispensation (1 to 10 days of school)?

On a family wedding day of a family member of the first second or third degrees (1 day). On the day that the parents or next of kin celebrates 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversary (1 day). In the event of a serious illness of a parent of next of kin (1 day), in the event of the death of a parent or next of kin (1 day), in the event the parents move from one address to another (1 day).

### What are parental degrees?

The first degree is the parents of the student, second degree are the grandparents and siblings of the student and the third degree are great grandpar-



ents, uncles, aunts and cousins of the student.

### What to do in the event of an illness?

Must notify the school by calling them before 9:00 in the morning to inform the Head of the school of the child's illness. Parent must submit on the 11th day a doctor's letter to the school to verify the illness.

### For more information, visit: [www.ea.aw/leerplicht](http://www.ea.aw/leerplicht)

The website contains all the relevant information concerning travelling, vacation, what is and what is not allowed, the petition for dispensation and the

procedures to follow.

There are also answers to questions raised by persons in the community, such as: who falls under the obligatory law? When can we apply dispensation, what to do if a child is being home schooled, who supervises the obligatory law, when does the school contact the department of obligatory law?

For the necessary forms or for more information contact the Bureau of Obligatory Education. Visit their facebook page at [facebook.com/educationaruba](https://www.facebook.com/educationaruba).

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Tickets for AIFF 2013 will be available soon in a variety of price ranges, from a simple movie and industry event ticket, to special passes for multi-event attendance.

### About the Aruba International Film Festival

The breathtaking Caribbean island of Aruba provides the backdrop for the film industry's newest marquee summer event – the Aruba International Film Festival (AIFF).

Now in its fourth year, the AIFF stands to further global awareness for the Island of Aruba as a center of art, culture and creativity, and to serve as a platform to promote the understanding and appreciation for the art of cinema and filmmaking. The Festival remains dedicated to inspiring, educating and promoting emerging Aruban filmmakers.



## Pointers to Ponder?

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# Politics, Promises and Politicians!



Yes...it is that time of the season; Aruba is in an election year. Actually, we are only months away from elections when people will go to the polls and cast their vote.

This is that time of the year when our politicians become very visible. They leave the comfort of their offices and take to the streets, going into the barrios and visiting with the people in their homes. They plan mass rallies and dish out food and drinks to those who come to the rallies. To many, this is re-

ally a fun time of bringing people together.

Eloquent speeches are echoed from loud speakers and many promises are belloyed out to those who come to the rallies.

Aruba prepares for an election in a very peaceful manner, the fanfare is really not too extravagant and people for the most part are well-behaved.



Politicians are extremely polite and respectful and are



cautious not to offend those of opposing parties.

What is most important, however, is the big question..."who actually truly deserves my vote?" Is it the Politician who spoke the loudest, who gave the most eloquent speech, who shook more hands and visited the most homes? None of these things could qualify a politician the vote of anyone.

What ought to determine who gets my vote is a much more serious matter than any of the above as noble as those

things may be.

The politician who deserves my vote is the man or woman who demonstrated true sincerity throughout his past tenure in office. The man or woman whose leadership was one of transparency, honesty, and integrity deserves our confidence. In a simple word that person must have true credibility. Nothing else and nothing less qualifies a politician the vote of the people!

Now, we have the salient task of assessing those quali-



ties in each of those who have postulated themselves for political office. Needless to say, your vote will make a major difference in what happens on this One Happy Island. Voting your conscience is not enough; you need to vote with your heart and mind!

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## This Sunday, June 23rd! International Synchro presentation at Olympic Pool in Savaneta



On Sunday, Aruba will be host to a unique opportunity to witness our star Synchro swimmer Anouk Eman, gold medalist in the National US Championships performing in the Savaneta Olympic pool.

Together with Anouk, there will be two soloists of international level, Olympic athletes from the US, Mary Killman, and from Egypt, Reem Abdelazem. The presentation starts at 7:30 pm.

The Aruban Swimming Association proudly announces that our island currently has three soloists of international level training here as part of their preparation for the World Championship to take place in Barcelona, Spain next month.



Mary Killman, who participated at the London 2012 Olympic Games is here since last week training with our Aruban team. Mary will be representing the USA in the

World Championship in Spain next month. Mary attends the same US University as Anouk namely, Lindenwood University.

The Lindenwood University team trains under the leadership of Lori Eaton, who is also on Aruba as the primary trainer of the Aruban athletes to represent Aruba in Spain next month. Anouk and Kyra Hoevertsz are both on their way to Barcelona.

The Egyptian synchronized swimmer, Reem Abdelazem is also training with our Aruban team and is helping them as well. Reem is also on her way to Barcelona next month.

The Aruban community has the unique opportunity to come out and see this lovely sport. The evening will be filled with fantastic presentations that these swimmers will be performing for the international competition. Aruba is also going to participate in the Central American and Caribbean Championship (CCCCAN) in Costa Rica to be held in July.

Do come out and witness this spectacular event on Sunday, June 23 from 7:30 p.m. in the evening at the Olympic Pool in Savaneta.

Entrance is completely free.



## Joyce Bartels Daal: Electric Music Festival will make an impact on Aruba!

This week, Aruba's Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber joined by Aruba's Tourism Authority (ATA) organizers DJ Chuckie, Karim Neme and Mrs. Joyce Bartels Daal announced plans for the 1st Electronic Music Festival/Conference in the Caribbean and region this coming September.

An event with a complete different concept for Aruba.

In an interview with Joyce Bartels Daal, she commented on the importance of such an event for Aruba.

She noted that such an event is actually designed for the new generation (X and Y) who are particularly interested in this type of activity.

This type of new entertainment makes Aruba very innovative, according to Bartels Daal. She indicated that it is not just the festival, but what is most important is that DJ Chuckie, an international artist, has taken an interest in our local artists and will be part of such an event here.

Joyce Bartels Daal is convinced that this event will be extremely positive for Aruba and will also give our local talent enormous opportunities; enabling important networking.

Bartels Daal also sees the enormous economic impact that this will have on Aruba. Already the Director of Marketing of the Renaissance has announced that they are sold out. This type of music covers a very large market, people will come from around the world for such a festival. Venezuela has shown interest in the festival. From Brazil there is also interest in coming to Aruba for this event.



**Joyce Bartels-Daal**

This type of festival will attract people with money who will fill our hotels and make good use of our infrastructure. These are people who would otherwise not come to Aruba, perhaps. According to Bartels Daal, this event will impact Aruba greatly.

Another important aspect mentioned by Joyce Bartels Daal is the Play Foundation which will be created by DJ Chuckie. This will be focused on education and the youth through music. The electronic festival will have its kick off with an event for the youth of Aruba in the ages of 10 to 15 years.

A special concert will be planned between 4 and 7:00 pm for the youth, which will be free of charge. This will be combined with a school competition. Children would participate for their school to be the best on the island. Music will be used to reach the heart, the motivation of a child. This will be the essence of the Play Foundation, according to Joyce Bartels Daal.



# DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE

## Armed robbers break in ... to Swiss jail



GENEVA (AFP) - Most criminals would give anything to get out of jail, but two armed robbers in Switzerland decided Friday to turn that on its head, barging into a Geneva jail in broad daylight to steal cash.

The two black-clad men, one of them with a handgun, got into the Montfleury remand centre and made off with an undisclosed sum, said a Geneva police statement that did not provide further details.

The robbers escaped by motorbike across the nearby border with France, and Swiss authorities immediately alerted their French counterparts.

French police went in hot pursuit but lost track of them, later finding their abandoned motorbike.

No-one was injured during the raid on the jail, but the staff were left in shock, Geneva police said.

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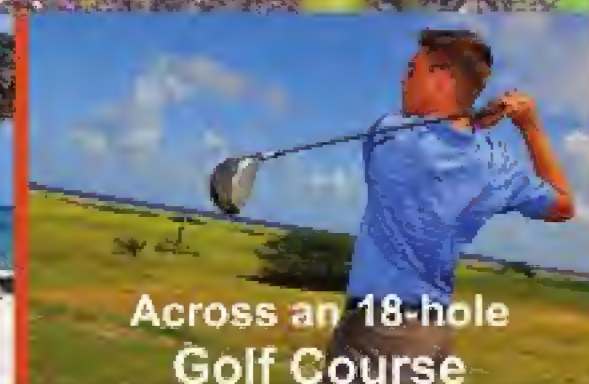
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# Jennifer Lopez gets 2,500th Hollywood star



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez was honored this past week with the 2,500th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, joined by celebrities including Jane Fonda and watched by screaming fans.

"I really am overwhelmed," she said at the ceremony on Tinseltown's star-studded sidewalk, a tourist favorite. "This all feels, I don't know, kind of surreal, but so real. It's awesome."

"She should have an entire

block of stars," said Fonda, who co-starred with Lopez in "Monster-in-Law" in 2005, adding: "In my opinion, she's only scratched the surface of what she's capable of."

Gregory Nava who directed Lopez in 1997's "Selena" called her "the hardest worker I have ever known," and recalled how Lopez told him: "Greg, I'm going to become the first Latina superstar. I'm going to have a number-one movie and a number-one record at the

same time."

"And I said, 'Impossible, nobody does that.' Yeah. Impossible for everybody but Jennifer."

Fighting back tears, Lopez thanked the crowd, saying: "I love you, thank you so much for going on this journey with me."

"This landmark moment inspires me to work harder and dream bigger for all that is the future. I hope you feel as I do that it was all worth it, and I hope that I have touched your hearts even in a small way."



## Rescuers battle on as Indian monsoon toll nears 600

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"556 bodies have been noticed by the army... either floating or buried in slush," Vijay Bahuguna, state chief minister told local TV channel CNN-IBN on Friday evening.

Scores of bodies were recovered from the Ganges river earlier Friday, with the death toll expected to rise further as flood waters recede to reveal the extent of the devastation, and rescue workers reach more isolated areas.

"This kind of disaster has never happened in Himalayan

history," Bahuguna said.

He attacked the India Meteorological Department (IMD) for not issuing adequate warning ahead of the heavy rains, which struck earlier than expected, saying the local government was unable to prepare for the deluge and evacuate people on time.

Uttarakhand's relief minister Yashpal Arya told AFP earlier Friday that with so many missing "the numbers of the dead could rise sharply in the days to come".

## Rousseff holds crisis talks on Brazil protests

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazil's embattled president Dilma Rousseff held crisis talks Friday to weigh her response to

two weeks of mass protests as a top aide warned the unrest could affect Pope Francis's Rio visit in July.

An estimated 1.25 million people marched in scores of cities on Thursday to demand better public services and slam the huge cost of staging next year's World Cup. Two people have now died in incidents related to the protests.

Smaller protests were planned for late Friday in at least 35 cities, including Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Curitiba and Fortaleza.

Rousseff, who remains relatively popular even as the protesters denounce the country's political class as a whole, summoned her ministers to seek ways to regain the upper hand.

Her chief of staff however warned that Brazil must plan for the possibility that the unrest could be ongoing during World Youth Day, the Catholic youth festival due to be held in Rio in late July, which the pope is due to attend.

The demonstrations have overshadowed football's Confederations Cup, which Brazil is currently hosting and which is seen as a dry run for next year's World Cup tournament.

## UN expert says still no proof who used Syria chemical arms

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The head of a UN human rights investigation on Syria said Friday it was still impossible to tell for sure who has used chemical weapons in the country's devastating conflict.

Paulo Pinheiro, chairman of the investigation committee, said he would not comment on evidence sent by the United States, Britain and France to UN experts which they say shows Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces have used chemical arms.

"We are not able to say who has used chemical agents or chemical weapons and we are very much worried about the chain of custody of the substances," Pinheiro told reporters after an informal meeting with UN Security Council ambassadors.



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## Obama nominates Comey as new FBI chief

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama on Friday nominated Jim Comey as director of the FBI, and poured effusive praise on the man he will replace, Robert Mueller, who took over before the September 11 attacks in 2001.

Comey, 52, a former deputy attorney general under former president George W. Bush, is best known for facing off against White House officials over the legality of a National Security Agency (NSA) eavesdropping program.

"He was prepared to give up a job he loved rather than be part of something he felt was fundamentally wrong," Obama said, referring to Comey's threatened resignation over the row, as he nom-



inated him at the White House.

"To know Jim Comey is also to know his fierce independence and his deep integrity... he's that rarity in Washington sometimes. He doesn't care about politics."

Comey, a former prosecutor, has the tough assignment of succeeding Mueller at the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Obama asked Mueller to

serve an extra two years after a regulation 10-year term at the agency, after building high confidence in his abilities.

"You will be remembered as one of the finest directors in the history of the FBI and one of the most admired public servants of our time," Obama told Mueller in the event in the White House Rose Garden.

"I know very few people in public life who have shown more integrity, more consistently under more pressure, than Bob Mueller."

Mueller's entire term at the FBI has been dominated by terrorism. He took over at the agency the week before the September 11 attacks transformed American security and foreign policy.



## International News

### N. Korea warns of war, repeats US talks offer

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - A top North Korean envoy said Friday that US hostility could lead to war at any time, but reaffirmed a government offer of talks with Washington that could include the nuclear weapons issue.

At a rare but typically combative news conference, the isolated state's UN ambassador Sin Son-Ho accused the United States of driving up tensions and appealed for an end to UN and US sanctions against Pyongyang.

With his country facing mounting UN and international sanctions over its recent nuclear bomb and missile tests, Sin said the North would never give up its atomic weapons.

North Korea "has a legitimate sovereign right to (its) self-defense deterrent as long as the United States continues its hostile policy towards DPRK and threatens it with nuclear weapons." The country will "never give up (its) self-defense war deterrent."

Sin said US-South Korean war games risked leading the Korean peninsula into "another vicious cycle of tensions and conflict".

But the warnings were also mixed with the North's new message that it wants talks with the United States. The North's all-powerful National Defense Commission said that it wants talks with the US administration.

North Korea has said it wants talks with the United States to replace the armistice which halted but did not formally end the 1950-53 Korean war.



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## Syria rebels say have received 'gamechanging' new arms

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syria's rebels have received new types of weapons that could "change the course of the battle," a rebel spokesman said on Friday, as troops tried to oust opposition fighters from a Damascus district.

The announcement came a

day before a meeting in the Qatari capital Doha of the Friends of Syria, a group of nations that back the uprising against President Bashar al-Assad.

Muqdad Free Syrian Army spokesman declined to specify to AFP what weapons had

been received or when they had arrived, but added that a new shipment was expected in the coming days.

He said rebels had asked for "deterrent weapons," meaning "anti-aircraft weapons, anti-tank weapons, as well as ammunition."

The apparent influx of weapons comes after the United States said it would provide rebel forces with "military support," although it has declined to outline what that might entail.

The Friends of Syria talks in Qatar today and will be attended by ministers from

Britain, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

They are expected to discuss military help and other aid for rebels as government forces press their campaign against the insurgents.





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## Health & Living

### Heat compounds Syrian children's woes: UNICEF

GENEVA (AFP) - Soaring summer temperatures coupled with overcrowding, dwindling access to safe water and worsening hygiene are adding to the threats facing some four million children affected by the Syrian conflict, the United Nations said Friday. The situation is already dire inside Syria, where more than 4.25 million Syrians have been displaced and where safe water is three times harder to find than before the conflict erupted in March 2011, she said. It was also adding to the perils facing more than 1.6 million Syrian refugees, more than 800,000 of them children, often crammed into overcrowded camps in surrounding countries. The Domiz refugee camp in Iraq is for instance already hosting double the 25,000 people it was built to hold, while Jordan's Zaatari camp has swelled to become the world's second biggest camp, holding at least 120,000 people. They pointed out that some 1,200 cases of diarrhoea had been reported in Homs linked to an influx from Syria's former rebel stronghold Qusayr, after President Bashar al-Assad's forces launched regained control of the strategic town on the border with Lebanon earlier this month. They also said there had been an increase in diarrhoea cases in the Domiz refugee camp in Iraq, and while this was not yet a cause for alarm "it is something we are watching very, very closely." UNICEF was also keeping an eye on rising cases of acute respiratory illnesses and has been running a measles vaccination campaign in Syria that has so far more than one million children, she said.



#### Ginger Tea:

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## US doctors urge reversal of gay blood ban

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A leading US doctors' group this week urged the reversal of a decades-old ban on donations of blood from gay men, saying the law is discriminatory and outdated.

The policy decision came this week in Chicago at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association, a professional grouping of more than 300,000 doctors.

"The lifetime ban on blood donation for men who have sex with men is discriminatory and not based on sound science," said AMA Board member William Kobler.

"This new policy urges a federal policy change to ensure blood donation bans or deferrals are applied to donors

according to their individual level of risk and are not based on sexual orientation alone."

The US ban was implemented in 1983 in response to the AIDS outbreak, and prohibits blood donation from any man who has had sex with another man at any point since 1977.

"It is long past time we reformed our blood donation policy affecting gay men," said Chris Collins, director of public policy at The Foundation for AIDS Research, branding the ban a "non-evidence-based, stigmatizing law."

The call for a change to the Food and Drug Administration's policy is a stance shared by the American Red Cross,

America's Blood Centers and the AABB, an international association of professionals in transfusion medicine.

Those groups in 2010 urged the FDA to change its lifetime ban to a 12-month deferral for blood donation, like that which exists for other high-risk groups, meaning men should wait 12 months to donate blood after having sex with another man.

Current US standards require a 12-month waiting period before blood donations from people who have had sex with someone with HIV or viral hepatitis.

Screening tests usually detect HIV within nine days and hepatitis C in about seven days, the Red Cross said.

The Health and Human Service's Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability held a meeting on the matter in 2010. Concerns were expressed about the need for more research on preventing risks to the blood supply.

The FDA says on its web site it is still examining research and will consider a policy change if new approaches to donor screening and testing "can assure that blood recipients are not placed at an increased risk of HIV or other transfusion transmitted diseases."

## Taiwan reports H6N1 bird flu case

TAIPEI (AFP) - Taiwan on Friday reported what it said was the world's first ever human case of the H6N1 strain of bird flu, commonly found in poultry.

A 20-year-old woman living in central Taiwan showed flu symptoms on May 5 and was briefly hospitalised for minor pneumonia before making a full recovery, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) said.

Samples from her later tested positive for the H6N1 strain of avian influenza, the CDC said.

The woman, who works for a breakfast diner, has never been out of Taiwan nor had any contact with birds.

Four out of 36 people who

have had close contact with the woman showed flu symptoms but none tested positive for H6N1, it said.

The CDC has warned people to avoid touching and feeding birds and visiting traditional markets with live poultry when visiting Chinese regions with H7N9 cases.



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## Sci-Tech

### Apple, US government spar in antitrust trial finale

NEW YORK (AFP) - Apple on Thursday dismissed allegations it conspired to raise the price of e-books and said the US government's antitrust case against it would deter new entrants to concentrated markets.

The two sides delivered closing arguments at the three-week trial, which has shed an uncomfortable light on the technology icon and the clubby world of high-stakes publishing. A decision is expected in the next couple of months.

The trial focused on a six-week period in late 2009 and early 2010 during which Apple negotiated contracts with publishers ahead of its iPad launch and proposed a new and more profitable business model.

At the time, publishers were furious at the state of the market dominated by Amazon, which sold most bestsellers for just \$9.99.

Amazon held "wholesale" contracts with publishers in which it set prices. Apple's contracts shifted to an "agency" model where publishers set the price in exchange for a 30 percent commission to Apple.

Prior to Apple's entry, the publishers -- all of whom have settled in the case -- would complain about Amazon's \$9.99 price at private dinners in fancy New York restaurants, but each feared taking on the Internet giant alone.

Apple and the publishers agreed on contracts that let publishers set the price of most bestsellers at \$12.99 or \$14.99, but Apple won a provision that allowed it to match the prices of Amazon or any other retailer.

As Apple was finalizing its deals, publishers successfully pressured Amazon to accept the agency model and higher prices. Several publishers threatened to withhold e-books from Amazon if it did not go along.

Ryan pointed to testimony from Apple senior vice president Eddy Cue in which he said he knew the publishers wanted to raise prices.

Cue admitted his contracts gave publishers the ability to raise prices and said he provided reassurances about potential Amazon retribution, telling each publisher it would not be alone in signing with Apple.

Apple defense attorney Orin Snyder dismissed the government's case as an example of prosecutorial "overreach," saying Apple's conversations with publishers in late 2009 were merely brainstorming sessions.

Snyder pointed out that Cue had almost no phone contact with the publishers from late December until around January 20, 2010, when the talks intensified ahead of the iPad

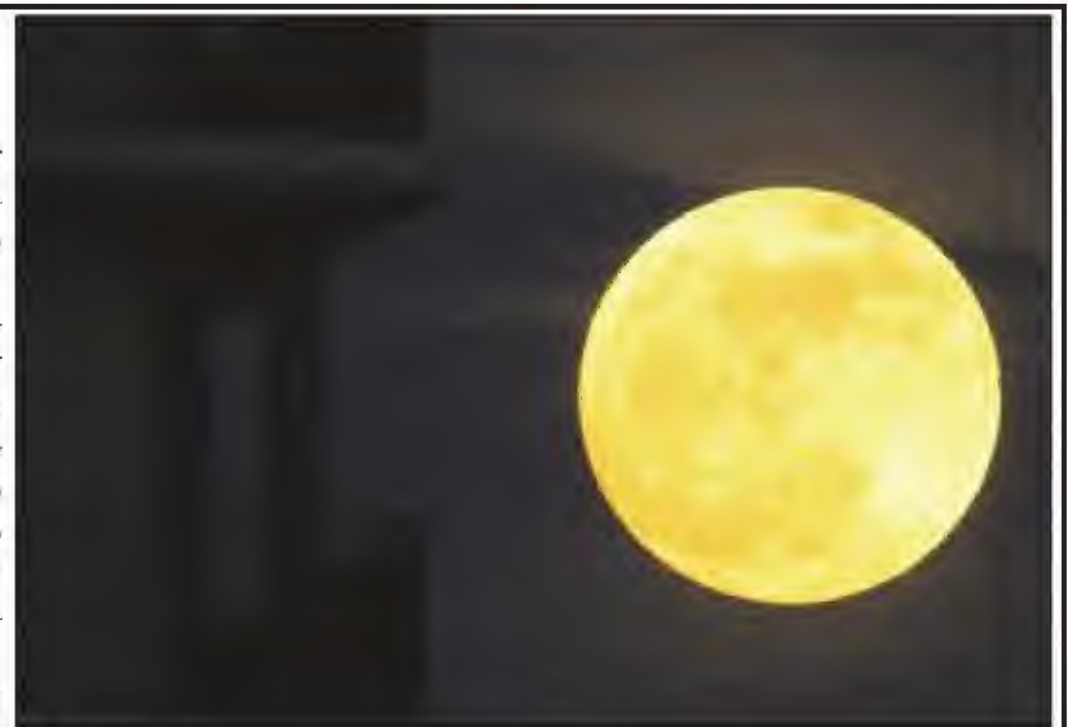
### Supermoon this Sunday:

--The largest full moon of 2013, a so-called "super-moon," will light up the night sky this weekend.

While the moon will appear 14 percent larger than normal, skywatchers won't be able to notice the difference with the naked eye. Still, astronomers say it's worth looking up and appreciating the cosmos.

The moon goes through its full cycle of phases in

a month, waxing and waning in brightness. This happens from the moon's changing position relative to the sun and the earth. The orbit of the moon around the earth is oval in shape, which brings the moon to its closest approach to earth once every month. The point of its closest approach is called perigee. The full moon on Sunday night will be the largest, brightest and the most spectacular moon of the year.



### Google ordered to hand over data from Street View

LONDON (AFP) - British authorities on Friday gave Internet giant Google 35 days to delete any remaining data "mistakenly collected" by its Street View cars when taking city snapshots for its map service.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has issued Google with an enforcement notice demanding that it destroy four discs containing information it obtained from unsecured wireless networks.

It did not impose a fine, but the ICO warned the US company that failure to comply with the legal order will be considered a criminal offence.

Specially-equipped Google vehicles took snapshots of city streets for the Street View function, which supplements its standard map service, but they also picked up data from unsecured WiFi networks.

Google had previously pledged to destroy all data collected in this manner, but it admitted last year that it had "accidentally" retained the additional discs.

Stephen Eckersley, ICO head of enforcement, said: "The early days of Google Street View should be seen as an example of what can go wrong if technology companies fail to understand how their products are using personal information."

The ICO believes the additional discs have been stored in "quarantine cages" and have not been accessed.

The ICO reopened its probe following a report by the US

Federal Communications Commission that an engineer deliberately wrote the software to capture the information and shared his work with the entire Street View team.

Nick Pickles, director of privacy campaign group Big Brother Watch, said: "The basis of privacy law is that companies do not collect our information without our permission."

A Google spokesman said: "We work hard to get privacy right at Google."



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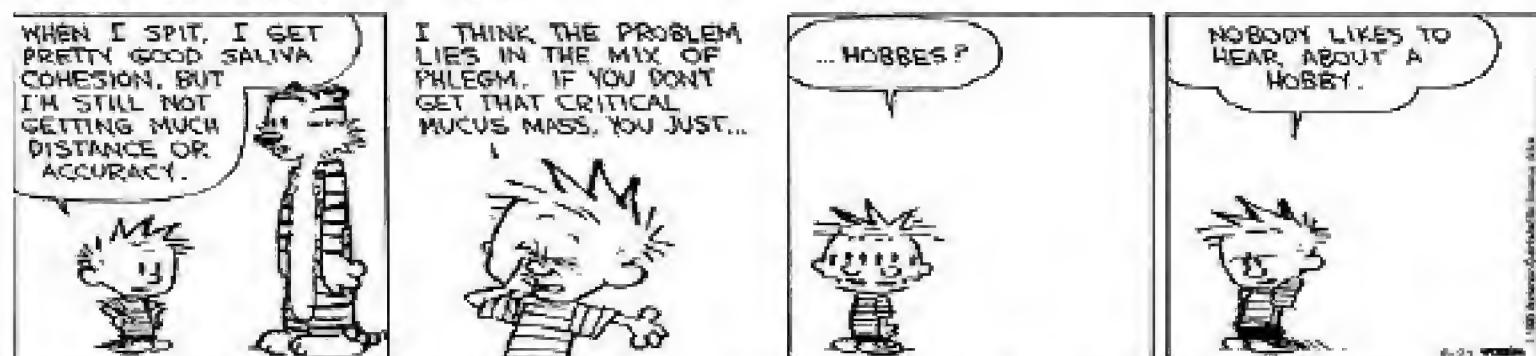
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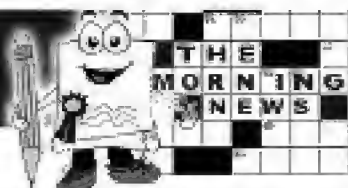
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10. Ports
12. Most adorable
13. Type of bet
14. "Treasure Island" inits.
15. NBC morning show
17. "\_\_\_ and Stimpy"
18. "What time \_\_\_?" (2 wds.)
20. Boring routine
21. Social misfit
22. Soak in the tub
24. Hayden Panettiere's TV series
26. Not Dem. or Rep.
28. Sleep stage (abbr.)
29. More considerate
32. Artist Picasso
36. Stiller and Affleck
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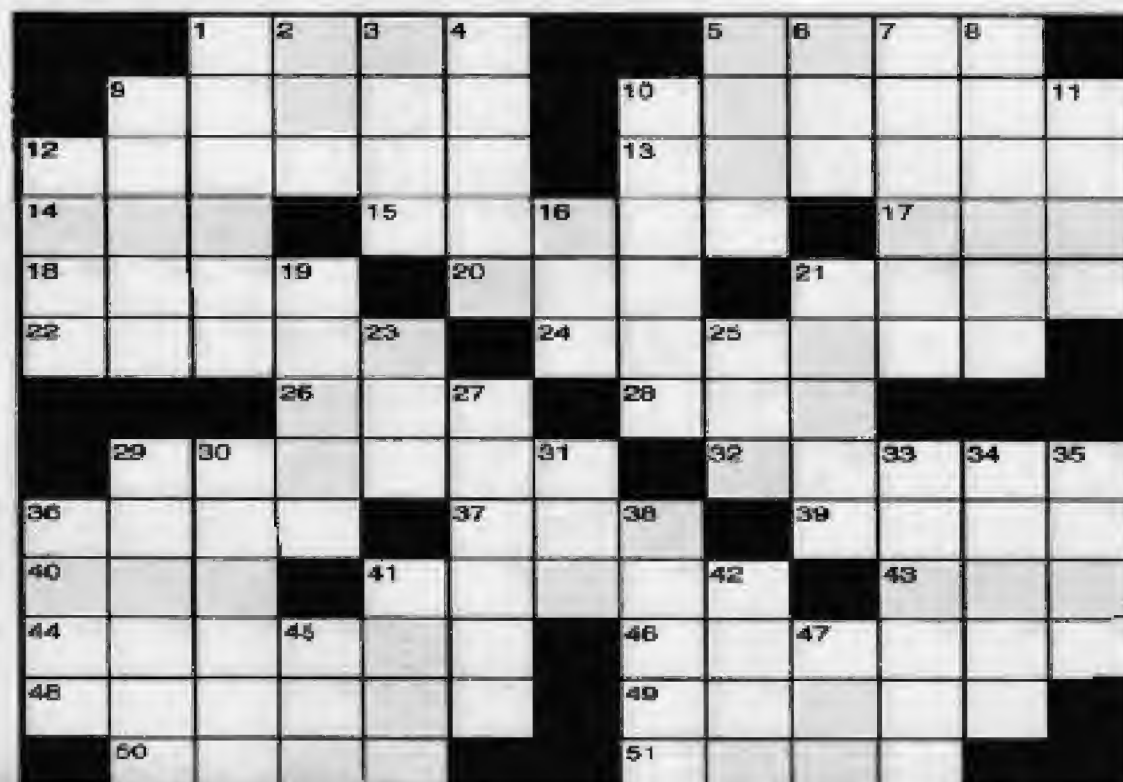
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48. Ploy
49. Lions' hair
50. IQ \_\_\_
51. Pampering places
1. Understands (2 wds.)
2. Bunyan's tool
3. Survive
4. John Jacob \_\_\_
5. Like sandwich wrap paper
6. Ex of Artie and Mickey
7. Judicial order

## 8. Walks in

9. Oklahoma metropolis
10. Slangy gun
11. Beach covering
12. Baby's resting spot
16. Teen's eye-rolling retort
19. Slenderizes
21. Rover
23. Conclude
25. Eisenhower's party (abbr.)
27. Dictator
29. \_\_\_ arm's length (2 wds.)
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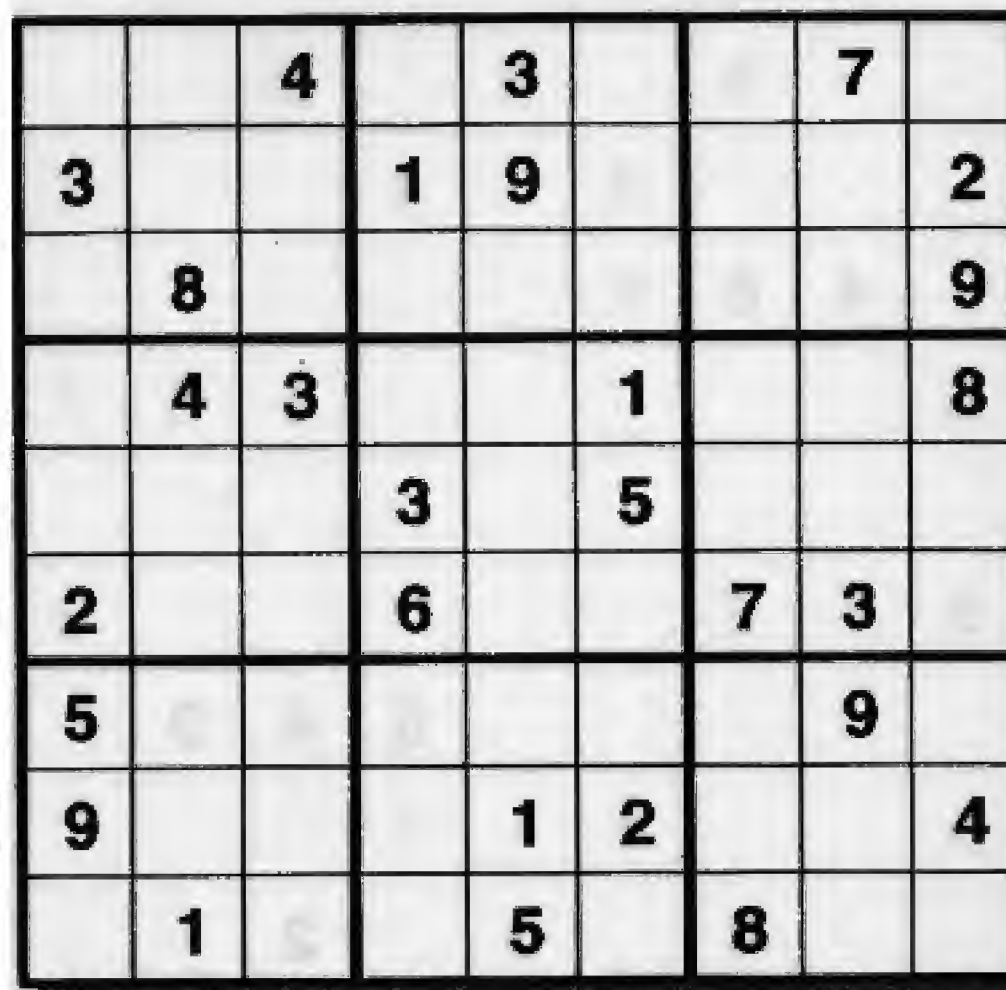
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6	1	6	9	7	5	3	8	2
2	8	7	2	8	1	5	9	6
5	2	0	5	6	2	7	6	1

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## Shell looks at more asset sales in Nigeria

LAGOS (AFP) - Oil giant Shell announced Friday it may sell more of its onshore oil blocks in Nigeria, where theft and sabotage have repeatedly cut into production in Africa's largest crude producer.

The British-Dutch firm, Nigeria's biggest producer, also said it was planning to invest \$3.9 billion (3 billion euros) on gas projects and pipeline work.

Shell said it may continue with efforts to sell off its interests in onshore oil blocks. It has sold its interests in eight blocks since 2010 for a total of \$1.8 billion, it said.

A number of multinationals have recently announced asset sales in Nigeria, which has been hit hard by oil theft, with some estimates that it costs the country \$6 billion per year in revenue.

Analysts say Shell appears willing to shift more of its focus offshore, where the threat of sabotage and theft is far lower.

Shell's statement spoke of "the initiation of a strategic review, consultation with partners, and the potential exit from the interests it holds in some further onshore leases in the eastern part of the Niger Delta" region.

The company "has been following a strategy of selective divestments of its onshore portfolio, concentrating the operating footprint into a smaller, more contiguous area ..."

It added that the sales were also in line with the government's push for more local involvement in the oil industry.

Multinationals that have also recently announced the sale of assets in Nigeria include Chevron and ConocoPhillips.

However, French oil giant Total said Friday it would begin work on the Egina field offshore Nigeria.

Besides oil theft, uncertainty over a sweeping overhaul of regulations, royalties and taxes delayed for years and still stuck in parliament has limited new oil industry investment in the country.

The investments announced by Shell will see it build an addition to the Trans-Niger Pipeline, which was completely shut down this week after an explosion and fire linked to oil theft.

The additional loop line is designed to bypass areas where theft and sabotage frequently occur, which also leads to oil pollution.

The other part of the investment, Gbaran-Ubie Phase Two, consists of five gas supply and infrastructure projects.

Nigeria is Africa's biggest oil producer, but it has had difficulty exploiting its huge gas reserves due to a lack of infrastructure and other issues.



NEW YORK (AFP) - Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange June 21, 2013 in New York. Worries over China's economic slowdown and the possible end to the US Federal Reserve's stimulus sent global markets into a tailspin Thursday. From Tokyo to Turkey and Paris to Wall Street, stocks racked up steep losses across the board, gold and oil prices sank, and the dollar jumped higher against most other currencies.

## FINANCE

### US stocks sink for 3rd day as Treasury yields jump

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks gave up early gains and sank Friday, with the Nasdaq dropping one percent, as Treasury bond yields jumped to their highest level in nearly two years.

The 10-year Treasury note pushed to 2.50 percent, compared to 2.42 percent late Thursday, continuing a sell-off in bonds sparked by a slightly hawkish turn by the Federal Reserve that has raised expectations of higher interest rates all around.

At midday (1600 GMT) the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 49.62 points (0.34 percent) at 14,708.70.

The broad-based S&P 500 fell 7.76 (0.49 percent) to 1,580.43, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite dropped 32.80 (0.97 percent) to 3,331.83.

"The S&P 500 has slid to fresh lows amid weakness in Treasuries. Recent selling in the 10-year note has pushed its yield higher by eight basis points to 2.505 percent," said Briefing.com.

It was the third straight day of steep market losses, brought on by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's comments Wednesday that the Fed could possibly begin slowing its stimulus program -- pumping \$85 billion a month into the economy via bond purchases -- later this year and wind it up completely by mid-2014.

The withdrawal of Fed stimulus for the US economy -- even if it signaled that growth



is strengthening -- spooked stock markets around the world, causing 3 percent-plus losses across Europe on Thursday.

European markets had rebounded Friday but then turned lower again at about the same time as the Wall Street slide.

Software and cloud computing giant Oracle sank 8.3 percent on flat quarterly revenues, with sales falling shy of expectations.

Citigroup lost 3.2 percent and JPMorgan Chase 1.1 percent.

Used-car retailer CarMax lost 4.2 percent despite reporting that sales grew 23.4 percent compared with the year-ago quarter, and net profit rose 21.5 percent.

At midday the yield on the 10-year US Treasury was at 2.49 percent, while the 30-year jumped to 3.55 percent from 3.51 percent Thursday. Bond prices move inversely to yields.

### Oil prices skid for second day in row

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices tumbled for the second straight day Friday amid market fears about Federal Reserve plans to ease stimulus and signs of slowing growth in China.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) light sweet crude for August, dropped \$1.45 in its first day of trade, closing at \$93.69 a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in August lost \$1.24 at \$100.91 a barrel in London trade.

Both contracts extended Thursday losses that were the largest since November as markets dived in reaction to Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's signal Wednesday that the Fed quantitative-easing (QE) stimulus may begin winding down by year-end.

In the past two days WTI, which had surged higher since early June, shed more than \$4.50.

The oil market opened, like stock markets in Europe and the US, in a minor rebound from Thursday's financial markets meltdown, but that soon faded.

"The summer solstice brings in more uncertainty in the market place. As the Fed starts the

great exodus from QE the market has to get ready for the great unwind," said Phil Flynn of The Price Futures Group.

The dollar continued to strengthen, rising 0.7 percent against the euro, making dollar-priced crude oil more expensive for buyers using weaker currencies.

Slowing growth in China, the world's largest energy consumer -- seen in Thursday's reading on slowing manufacturing activity -- and a credit crunch also held back the market.

Chinese media reported Friday that the central bank had injected 40 billion yuan (\$6.3 billion) into several banks to relieve the funding crisis.

Elsewhere in oil market news, Chinese state firm CNPC signed a \$270 billion deal with Russian oil giant Rosneft to supply China with oil for 25 years.

The deal shifts Russia's focus away from recession-mired Europe to fast-growing Asia.

"The European market is stagnating, the structure of demand is changing -- less oil is being bought and more oil products -- so it is not a very promising market," said Valery Nesterov, an analyst at Sberbank CIB.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## Oliver Stone making Chavez film: Venezuela president

CARACAS (AFP) - US filmmaker and long-time Hugo Chavez fan Oliver Stone is making a movie about the late Venezuelan leader, according to President Nicolas Maduro.

"Oliver Stone is making a very beautiful film about our commander Hugo Chavez... that he will likely finish in the next months," Maduro said on Thursday, at an event in the northwestern state of Lara.

"We are eager for its debut on the big screen in Venezuela," he said.

Maduro said that one of Stone's producers informed him about the film while on an official trip in Paris.

Chavez led Venezuela for 14 years until he died on March 5 after a long battle with cancer at the age of 58. A retired army lieutenant colonel, he died five months after being re-elected to a third six-year term in office.

Stone, 66, frequently has praised the outspoken Chavez, whom he interviewed for a 2009 documentary entitled



"South of the Border," exploring Chavez's role in bottom-up change sweeping South America.

Other leftist leaders interviewed in that film included Bolivia's Evo Morales and Ecuador's Rafael Correa.

Maduro said that Stone soon will visit Venezuela for the premiere of a film project on "the history of American imperialism."

The director, who has described his views as "progressive", is known for

politically-angled productions that some critics dismiss as tendentious.

On his website, Stone describes some of his films as being "at deep odds with conventional myth."

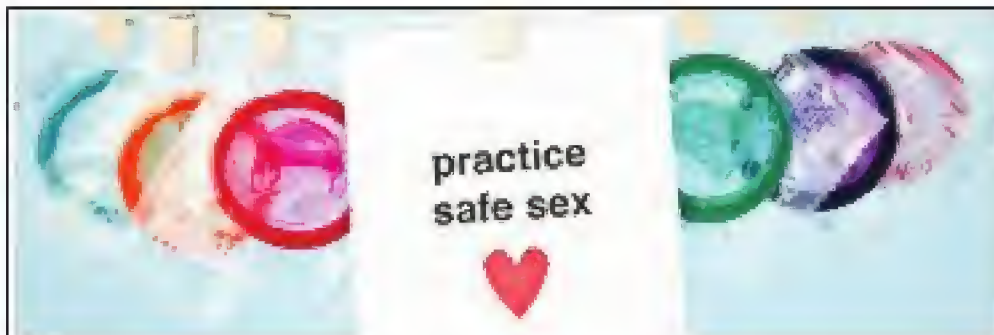
His movies include "Platoon" -- the first in his Vietnam trilogy -- "JFK," "Natural Born Killers," and "Nixon."

He also directed "W." -- an unflattering portrait of former US president George W. Bush -- and the hit movies "Wall Street" and "Scarface."

## Say What????- N.W?



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Rap star Kanye West and reality TV star Kim Kardashian have named their newborn North West, prompting an outbreak of wisecracking Friday on Twitter. Gossip website TMZ said the name appears on a birth certificate at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles where Kardashian delivered on June 15, a few weeks before her due date. Kanye West had once quipped on Jay Leno's late-night US talk show that Easton West would make a good baby name. The couple might also have been inspired by a 1994 children's book by comedy writer Alan Zweibel about a nine-year-old boy called North who wanders far and wide in a fruitless quest to find worthy parents. Pending confirmation, and with daddy West releasing his latest album "Yeezus" this week, armchair comedians on Twitter had a field day -- to the point of making North West a trending topic.



## Preppy retailer drops mocking Taylor Swift T-shirt

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Abercrombie and Fitch, under fire recently for failing to cater to plus-sized shoppers, says it's no longer selling a T-shirt that mocks pop diva Taylor Swift's prolific love life.

Fans of the singer-songwriter, known as Swifties, used social media including YouTube and a Change.org petition this week to complain about the baggy T-shirt that read: "#more boyfriends than t.s."

It did not state whether the T-shirt had sold out or whether remaining stock had been withdrawn from stores.

Earlier this year its chief executive Michael Jeffries apologized after the resurfacing of a 2006 interview in which he suggested his chain, which stocks jeans no bigger than US size 10, was only interested in selling to "cool kids."

Swift, 23, notorious for writing hit tunes about ex-lovers including singer John Mayer, actor Jake Gyllenhaal and, most recently, One Direction teen idol Harry Styles, briefly modeled for Abercrombie and Fitch a decade ago.



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## Hershey pays \$4 mn fine for chocolate price-fixing



OTTAWA (AFP) - US candy maker Hershey on Friday pleaded guilty to participating in a chocolate price-fixing scheme and paid a CAN\$4 million (US\$4.2 million) fine.

The company entered the plea at the Ontario Superior Court and, according to the Competition Bureau of Canada, received lenient treatment in exchange for its cooperation in an antitrust investigation.

Earlier this month, Canadian authorities also charged Nestle, Mars and a network of independent wholesale distributors in the case after a whistle-blower tipped authorities to the scheme.

Three individuals were also charged: Robert Leonidas, former president of Nestle

Canada, Sandra Martinez, former president of Confectionery for Nestle Canada, and David Glenn Stevens, head of Canadian food distributor ITWAL.

The alleged price-fixing involved chocolate bars sold across Canada from 2002 to 2008, including popular brands such as Kit Kat, Coffee Crisp, Aero, Twix, Snickers, Bounty and M&Ms.

Hershey said previously that the scheme was limited to the Canadian marketplace, and involved, in 2007, executives that were no longer with the Pennsylvania-based company.

Mars, Nestle and ITWAL have vowed to "vigorously defend" themselves against the charges.





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### The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming

eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

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from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!





## Football: Brazil, Italy bid to avoid Spain trap

SALVADOR (AFP) - Brazil and Italy will be battling to avoid the daunting likelihood of a semi-final against world champions Spain when they meet in Salvador on today to contest top spot in Confederations Cup Group A.

Both sides secured places in the last four with a game to spare, Brazil after a Neymar-inspired 3-0 defeat of Mexico, Italy following a nail-biting 4-3 success against Japan.

With Spain three points clear in Group B, Brazil's superior goal difference means that Italy will probably have to win at the Arena Fonte Nova if they are to avoid Vicente del Bosque's side in the semi-finals.

Although Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said he would "probably keep the same team" for the Italy encounter, Azzurri coach Cesare Prandelli suggested fitness concerns would force his own hand.

Italy had just two full days to prepare for the Japan fixture, and after an energy-sapping, end-to-end encounter in Recife, Prandelli said his principle concern was allowing his players to recover.

Brazil were made to endure some nervous moments by Mexico before substitute Jo claimed a second goal in injury time at Fortaleza's Estadio Castelao, just as he had in the 3-0 victory over Japan.

The star of the show, however, was once again Neymar, who followed up his blistering half-volley against the Japanese with a fine volley and the assist for Jo against Mexico.

The 21-year-old superstar sought to align himself with the protests sweeping the country by pledging his support for the demonstrators in an Instagram message prior to the game.



Brazil-national-team



Spain-Team-Squad-2013

His subsequent performance was electrifying, but although he is threatening to sweep the tournament's best goal competition on his own, he says it does not matter how he finds the net against Italy.

"I'm happy I scored two great goals. The match against Italy will be a very tough one though," he told reporters.

"They're a fantastic team, and I hope I can score against them. No matter how it helps the national team."

Italy and Brazil have contested some of the most iconic games in football history, including Brazil's 4-1 success in the 1970 World Cup final in Mexico and Italy's 3-2 triumph in the second round of the 1982 tournament.

The latter match, in Barcelona, was the last time Italy beat Brazil, who have registered three wins and three draws in the last six fixtures between the sides.

Brazil won 3-0 when the teams met at the same stage of the 2009 Confederations Cup in South Africa, while their last encounter, a friendly in Geneva in March this year, saw Italy come from 2-0 down

to claim a 2-2 draw through goals from Daniele De Rossi and Mario Balotelli.

Balotelli already has two goals to his name at the Confederations Cup, but in Thiago Silva, Brazil possess a centre-back schooled for three years in the arts of Italian defending at the striker's current club, AC Milan.

"I know all the Italian players," said the Paris Saint-Germain centre-back.

"I've played with some of them, against others, so I know each of their qualities and what they can do in a match."

### FIFA Confed. Cup

	GF	GA	PTS
<b>Group A</b>			
Brazil	5	0	6
Italy	2	1	3
Mexico	1	4	0
Japan	0	3	0
<b>Group B</b>			
Nigeria	7	3	3
Spain	12	1	6
Uruguay	3	3	3
Tahiti	1	16	0

## SPORTS

### FIFA says not considering scrapping Confed Cup



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - World football's governing body FIFA said Friday that it has no plans to scrap the Confederations Cup and that no team wants to pull out despite the huge protests rocking Brazil.

Mass demonstrations, which have sometimes turned violent, are taking place as Brazil is hosting teams from around the world for the Confederations Cup, a dry run for next year's World Cup being held in six host cities.

Many Brazilians are angry that bills for preparing the World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics are running to billions of dollars while many say they are not benefiting in a country racing to overhaul creaking infrastructure.

The mass protests initially began last week in Rio and Sao Paulo over rises in public transport fares.

But Thursday saw an estimated 1.2 million people in more than 100 cities march against public corruption, poor health and education services, as well as high taxes and the big spending on projects such as World Cup stadiums.

"Three of these stadiums ... are simply white elephants, just pointless," demonstrator Matheus told AFP during a protest by some 20,000 people in the central city of Belo Horizonte.

izonte.

Despite calls by FIFA president Sepp Blatter not to use football to channel their anger, more and more people have answered calls from social media sites to take to the streets.

President Dilma Rousseff called an emergency meeting of her top cabinet members Friday as the protests swelled in size with more planned across the weekend, and also canceled a trip to Japan scheduled for next week.

Security forces fought to maintain order Thursday as some demonstrations saw looting break out, while some marchers attacked the foreign ministry building in Brasilia and the town hall in the southern city of Porto Alegre.

Police fired tear gas, pepper spray and rubber bullets to disperse crowds.

Rio saw the biggest demonstration on Thursday, when some 300,000 people tried to march on the Maracana stadium ahead of a match between Spain and Tahiti and one protester was killed in Sao Paulo when he was hit by a car.

"This is not just about transport fares. It is about corruption, education, health. Why can't FIFA do something to help where we need help," shouted Fernanda, a 17-year-old student who marched in Belo Horizonte.

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## NFL: Arrest warrant prepared for Patriots player: reports

BOSTON (AFP) - An arrest warrant has been prepared for New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez for obstruction of justice in connection with a murder investigation, according to reports.

ABC News, WBC radio and Boston's Fox television station reported that the arrest warrant was sought after police learned the National Football League player possibly destroyed evidence in connection with the shooting death of Odin Lloyd.

USA Today, however, reported that a court clerk said no arrest warrant had been issued for Hernandez, but ESPN reported that police said it was



only a matter of time before the move would be made.

Police had already met twice with Hernandez, whose \$1.7 million mansion home is about a mile from where Lloyd's body was discovered on Monday night.

ABC, citing police sources, reported that a video security system at the home of Hernandez had been deliberately destroyed and that the portable phone a lawyer for Hernandez gave to police had been smashed into pieces.

The report also said police wanted to know why house

cleaners were hired to scrub down Hernandez's home on Monday.

Law-enforcement sources told the Fox station and ABC that Hernandez, 23, and Lloyd, 27, had been seen at several nightclubs last weekend.

Fox reported that Hernandez's neighbors heard gunshots shortly after 3 a.m. on Monday.

Hernandez, who has played three seasons for the Patriots, made 79 catches for 910 yards and seven touchdowns in the 2011 season but played only 10 games last year due to injuries, making 51 catches for 483 yards and five touchdowns.

**NEW YORK (AFP) -** Carlos Lee, a Panamanian outfielder and first baseman who spent 14 seasons as a Major League Baseball slugger with five different clubs, announced his retirement late Thursday on his 37th birthday. Lee made his major league debut with the Chicago White Sox in 1999 and stayed there through 2004 before joining Milwaukee in 2005 and part of 2006, Texas in 2006, Houston from 2007 through 2012 and ended his career with Miami. Over 2,099 career major league appearances, Lee smashed 358 home runs and drove in 1,363 runs with a .285 batting average and 125 stolen bases. He was named to the All-Star Game three times. Last season, Lee batted .264 with nine homers, 27 doubles and drove in 77 runs over 147 combined games for the Astros and Miami.



## Motor racing: Audi, Toyota duel headlines at Le Mans



LE MANS (AFP) - The 81st edition of the Le Mans 24 Hours this weekend is set to provide a fitting finale to week-long festivities at the fabled Circuit de la Sarthe, celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, with Toyota out to knock title-holders Audi off their perch.

Audi's dominance stretches back to their first title in 2000 with the German manufacturer victorious on 10 of 12 occasions since, including the last three races.

However, Toyota, who made their return to the event last year after a 13-year absence, will aim to build on a promising 2012 display that was ultimately curtailed by a series of accidents and mechanical failures.

Audi have again demonstrated their superiority by winning the first two events of this season's World Endurance Championship (WEC) at Silverstone and Spa and on Thursday locked down the first three places on the grid ahead of Saturday's renewal with the trio of Loic Duval, two-time winner Allan McNish and eight-time champion Tom Kristensen securing pole position in the #2 R18 e-tron quattro.

Toyota though, whose two cars qualified fourth and fifth fastest, will take confidence from a trio of successes in Sao Paulo, Fuji and Shanghai that saw them finish the 2012 cam-

paign strongly and will benefit from a rule change that will allow them to carry three extra litres of fuel, a move criticised by Audi with one of their drivers complaining: "You don't change the rules during the game."

Swiss team Rebellion, led by long-time Formula One veteran Nick Heidfeld, also harbour hopes of challenging for the podium after a fourth-place finish in last year's race.

Also among the 168 drivers slated to take to the Le Mans track this weekend are a pair of ex-F1 drivers in Japan's Kamui Kobayashi, who will compete for Ferrari in the GT Endurance Pro category, and Brazilian Bruno Senna, nephew of three-time F1 world champion Ayrton Senna, who will take to the wheel of an Aston Martin.

American Patrick Dempsey, best known for his role in the TV series Grey's Anatomy, will make his second appearance, this time with Porsche in the GT Endurance AM class, after a ninth-place finish with Ferrari in the GT2 category in 2009.

However, nine-time World Rally Champion Sebastien Loeb won't take part after his team withdrew their entry, while Green GT also pulled out after announcing their hydrogen-powered car was not yet ready for the challenge of motor racing's oldest active endurance race.

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## NBA: Heat beat Spurs to repeat as champions

MIAMI (AFP) - LeBron James scored 37 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as the Miami Heat captured their second consecutive NBA Finals title by beating the San Antonio Spurs 95-88 in game seven on Thursday.

James, who was named playoff Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row, also nailed five 3-pointers and had four assists for the Heat, who won a third title to go with crowns in 2012 and 2006.

"It feels great. This team is amazing," James said. "The vision I had when I decided to come here has all come true. To win back-to-back championships is an unbelievable feeling."

Dwyane Wade added 23 points and 10 rebounds and Shane Battier came off the bench to score 18 points on 6-of-8 shooting from beyond the arc for the Heat, the first team to win back-to-back titles since the Los Angeles Lakers in 2009 and 2010.

James earned his second championship ring for the Heat, who posted a league-best 66-16 regular-season record that included a 27-game winning streak, the second longest in league history.

It was a heartbreaking defeat for the Spurs and their first loss in five trips to the best-of-seven championship final.

San Antonio was just seconds from winning the NBA crown in game six but the Spurs blew a five-point lead late in regulation and then lost in overtime to set up the deciding game.

"Being so close and feeling that you are about to grab that trophy and then seeing it van-



ish is very hard," said the Spurs' Manu Ginobili. "I think if we would have lost both games like this (Thursday) I would have been a little more up."

James drained a key 19-foot jump shot with 28 seconds remaining after a Tim Duncan miss at the other end to give the Heat a 92-88 lead.

James then stole the ball from the Spurs' Ginobili and helped seal the victory with two free throws with 23 seconds to play, giving Miami a 94-88 lead.

Wade, who combined with James to score 60 of the Heat's 95 points, capped the scoring Thursday by making a free throw with 16 seconds remaining.

Heat coach Spoelstra said James' jump shot was the difference.

"It is unique for a guy who has been the best in the game since he was in the seventh grade; usually you wouldn't

have that type of work ethic that would match that type of talent," Spoelstra said.

"As the series went on, he realized that was the shot that was going to be open and in the biggest game, the biggest moment, those are the shots that he hit. And those were the difference tonight."

Duncan had 34 points and 12 rebounds and Kawhi Leonard finished with 19 points and 16 rebounds for the Spurs, who were trying to become the first team since 1978 to win a seventh game of the NBA Finals on the road.

"It is no fun to lose," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. "But we lost to a better team."

"We just didn't play well. And a lot of that had to do with their pressure, their defense, a lot of contested shots.

just 5-of-14 from beyond the arc in the first two quarters.

James and Wade combined to score 21 of the Heat's final 28 points in the second quarter.

Wade got hot from the opening tip and carried it into the second quarter. He scored 14 points on 7-of-12 shooting and had six rebounds as Miami took a 46-44 lead at half-time.

Duncan had 13 points while Ginobili scored seven in the first half for the Spurs.

James hit back-to-back 3-pointers late in the third quarter to give Miami one of their biggest leads to that point at 62-57. James finished a superb 5-of-10 from beyond the



James, who was named playoff Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row

Their athleticism was just tough for us to handle and it finally showed a little bit in the seventh game."

Both teams shot poorly in the first half, especially the Spurs, who hit only 35 percent from the field. The Heat had eight turnovers and shot

arc in game seven.

"He's the best conditioned athlete in this game," Spoelstra said of James. "He takes pride and puts so much time into it. He probably lost 12 to 15 pounds in this playoff run expending so much energy."